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Election Results at The Pub



Jason Miller

On October 14th 2008 LUPSA (Laurentian University Political Science Association) held an election night at the pub. At this event people came dressed in their political colors, to socialize with friends and people who supported different political parties and see the election results.

No Country for That Old Man

Ben Istiphan
Lambda Writer

Last Wednesday, Barack Obama and John McCain took part in the third and final Presidential debate held in Hempstead, New York. The focus of the debate was around domestic policies, primarily the struggling economy. Early on, it was clear that there was a fundamental difference between

the two candidates in regard to taxes. Obama's main objective is to shift the tax burden away from the middle-class and towards those who can afford to give up more. He emphasized the need to end the Bush Administration's tax cuts for the rich, which he says will continue under a McCain administration.

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Great Jobs for Arts and Science Majors

Jan Steven
Lambda Writer

Let's see. You're a student about to graduate and you are worried about the downturn in the economy. Doesn't help that when you tell people you're an arts or science student, people say things like, "Do you want fries with that!?"

Well, I'm here to tell you that you can blow this popsicle

stand and get a job that is well-paying and meaningful. Does the following appeal to you?

- You travel abroad.
- Your flight is paid there and back.
- Your accommodation is provided – gratis –and they may even serve you one meal a day.
- Taxes are only 4 %.
- You have a job where everyone looks up to you.

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Think again

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Jason Miller
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I know what you are all thinking and yes I did. I did quote one of the best movies in the world.... Forrest Gump. However what purpose does this title serve? Well my esteemed lambda readers I will elaborate later. For now I am going to wish you all the best over the reading week. We are privileged we are one of the few schools in Canada that have two study periods, or are we? I know I will be happy when the 'study' week is here, but now I am not. It may seem really ridiculous what I am saying and I am not one to jump to more conspiracy theories except this seems to be mentionable. Do Professors have secret meetings and discuss when assignments are due, so three weeks there will be nothing and one week you will be swamped? Well I cannot answer this question, but it must seem like it. My workload was very small all year, except once I came close to the finish line for this mildly deserved break; all the work started piling up. Maybe it was my policy where I do not start work until one week

before it is due, or maybe, just maybe a conspiracy is going on.

Now as most of you are reading my life and wondering when I am actually going to get to the point of my rant, well the wait is over. Firstly I want to wish everyone a happy Halloween. For university students this holiday has now evolved into an excuse to drink, and wear costumes. Also now (for the most part) Halloween is an excuse for females and males to dress in scantily clad costumes and call it a holiday. A girl cannot be Hilary Clinton; she must be a slutty Hilary Clinton (bad example?). So while we consume drinks and large amount of sugar, how about we stop for a second, and think how Halloween originated? And how did it evolve into the commercial holiday it is today? Halloween from as far back as records show was a Paleopagan Druids holiday, possibly throughout the Celtic territories. Their holiday was designed to honor the dead ancestors of families and friends. Nothing honors your dead ancestors like an overpriced costume we will wear once in our lifetime. Halloween costumes are like the toys you get in those quarter machines, love it for a bit, but then never use it again.

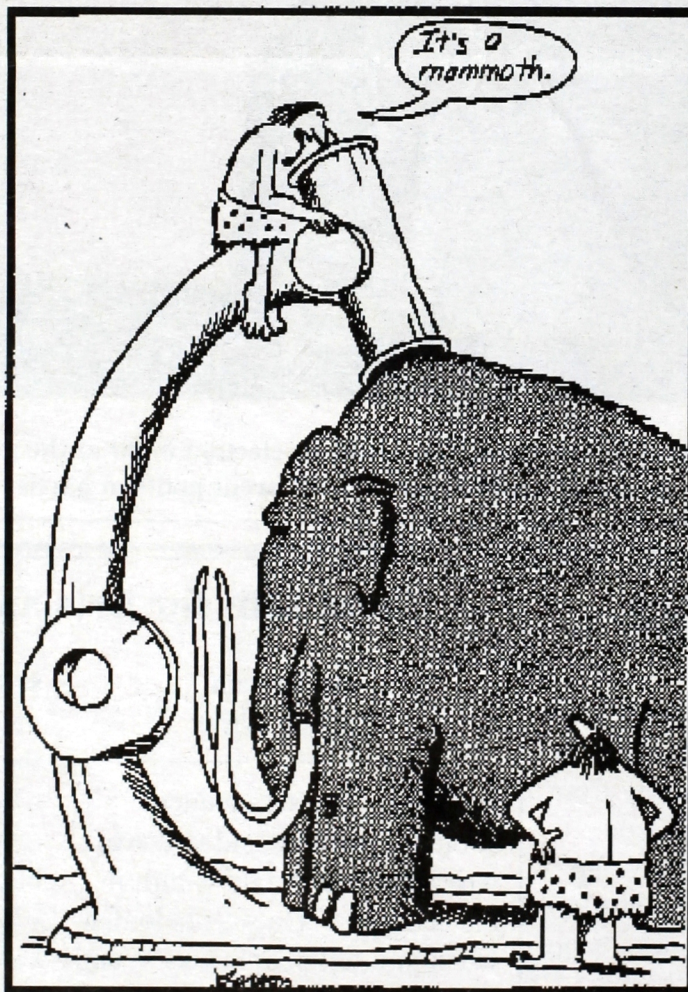
Secondly this holiday was a place to feast and honor the dead, not as the dead, but as the living spirits of loved ones and of guardians who hold the root-wisdom of the ancient tribes. However the coming of Christianity changed the spiritual holiday into Halloween. The Christian church could not get people to stop celebrating the pagan holiday so instead they sprinkled a little holy water, changed the names as they did with other Paleopagan holidays and customs then called it their own. Then fundamentalists will state that Halloween should be removed from public schools because it is a pagan holiday, well, yes they are right, but why stop at removing Halloween, might as well get rid of the other holidays with pagan roots like Valentines day and Easter.

Thirdly I have always wondered how trick or treating morphed its way into this holiday. Now before and after the rise of Christianity the day was considered to be the "the night of mischief or con" and was custom to countries. The 'boys' would go around the community to local farms and houses then terrorize and vandalize the people of the community. Then people would blame the destruction and

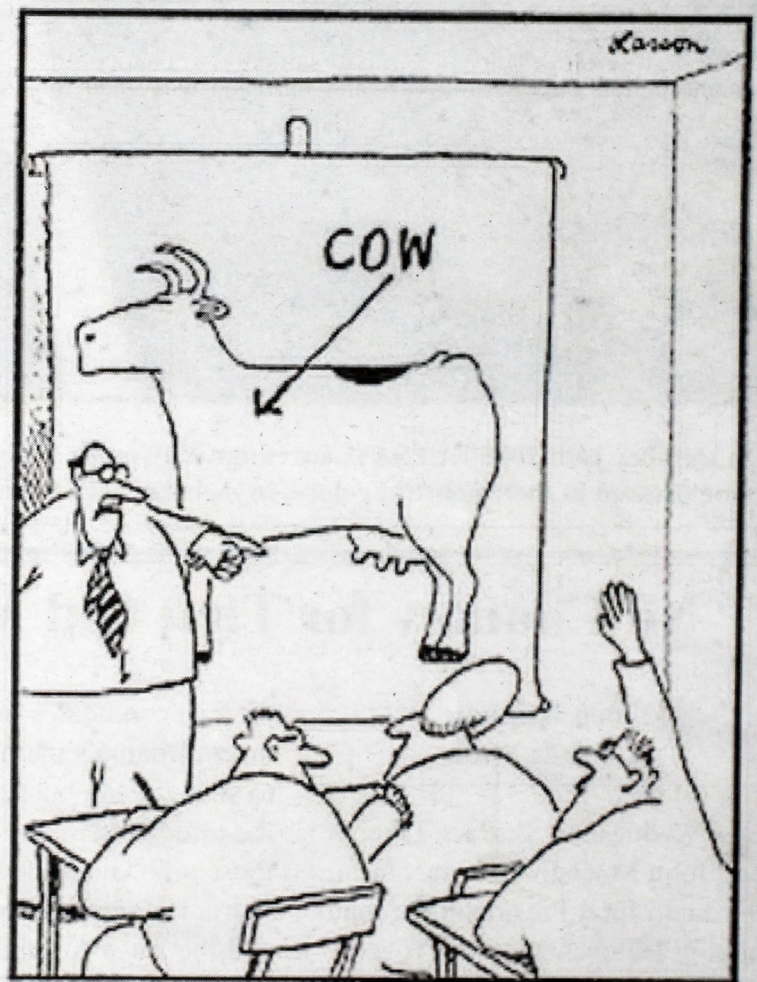
pranks on the spirits. Then when we fast forward time to the 20th century where people started brainstorming for ways to control the pranks and destruction which the 'boys' were causing. House owners began giving out bribes for kids so they would not harm their houses. This is where the term 'Trick or Treat' came from. Another really amazing discovery, that now our holiday evolved from kids acts of vandalism. The holiday we see today only occurred because people bribed children to not commit acts of destruction, really shows how our society has changed.

From a once sacred tradition of honoring the dead and celebrating their spirits, to today another capitalist holiday spending money on useless material objects so corporations can make millions. Where money came into play I am not sure, but just like most of the holidays, which were once for a good cause, have turned into a money-grabbing scheme, Halloween is no different. So I ask you, what is stupid? And the answer is stupid is, as stupid participates in a fake, money-grabbing holiday.

Until Next Time
-Jason Miller



Early microscope



"Yes ... I believe there's a question there in the back."

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You Know what Really Grinds my Gears



Joe Zamojski
Assistant Editor
2008/09

It is one of my least favourite seasons; mid-term season. Currently mid-term season is in full bloom, with tests here and assignments there. To make matters worse my mid-term help for the last two years has put me on hold. I am talking about reading week.

For my first two years I have enjoyed reading week in the middle of October. It was always there for me to get caught up and use the week for literally reading. It wasn't as if all I did was read and do work the whole week. I would relax and occasionally go out with friends.

Nevertheless, it was one week without class hours added on, so all those readings that professors expect us to do can actually for the most part be done. Also, having reading occur in the middle of October like I experienced for the last two years always seemed to separate my midterms half before the week and half after. That would help me space out my time and workload and relieve some stress. Not only did it relieve stress around my midterms but also for the first month and a half of school since I knew I would have time to catch up later on. You know, I was able to put off that one assignment or miss the occasional reading.

This year is rather opposite. The majority of my midterms and assignments are due the week before reading week. And of course, like every non perfect human being, I still

missed that odd reading and still left one or two assignments until the end. Back in September I was not thinking that maybe reading will not be there for me this year to save me from this work jam. It became a habit after two years, of course reading week would be there. Right? But it isn't. Not until the end of October anyways. Hence, I am now scrambling to fit those extra readings into my time and find a couple hours to cram in those last assignments. With such a busy week for work I have found no time to go to the gym. Or at least no time to effectively go to the gym since I need well over an hour just to walk there and back, work out and then shower.

Now, maybe you could argue that I just should not have procrastinated that much and then I wouldn't be in this mess of so much work. But

its not like I did not do any work or readings throughout. And let us not forget with all the class time and even the occasional readings and work, you need to take a day off here and a day off there. If I did all my work when I should have it still would have taken away from my excellent time spent at the gym or playing basketball or hanging out with friends. And if I did not do these things it would have negatively impacted the physical and social aspect of my health. Laurentian University is also just not about classes. So I also try and find time for my job, volunteering and attending guest lectures or seminars.

When it comes down to it, it is not like I have just been a complete procrastinator. I have spent my time learning and enjoying other aspects of

life. So the real problem seems to be the change of reading week which has thrown me off my regular university work pattern. After all, its not like I am just a big complainer or will not be able to now get my work done. However, in the last week I have studied and worked to the extreme. This, I define by skipping most or all of my workouts or time spent with friends because of work; which is not healthy because I need this time to help relieve stress.

Maybe I could have focused a little more on my work here and there. But like I said I am just guilty of falling into a habit of reading week being there for me. So, it looks like I will not be using reading week this semester for reading. Since by then, I will have already finished and caught up on my readings.

The Votes Are In

Joe Zamojski
Assistant Editor

On October 14th 2008, millions of Canadian ventured out to the polls and used their vote as a tool for expressing their values and beliefs on what they think should best represent their population area and overall country. The day of course marked the Canadian Federal Election which has been highly featured and covered in the media and news over the last several weeks. However, as the official numbers are still being finalized, preliminary results shown by Stats Canada indicate that this election campaign was one of the worst voting turnouts in history. Out of 23,401,064 registered voters, only 13,832,972 Canadians voted. That is 59.1 percent. Percentages also indicate that registered voters under thirty are less likely to vote then those who are over.

that it is important to be politically active and knowledgeable. The SGA even helped to deliver a Candidate Debate on Campus which brought in some local political party leaders who understand that reaching out to students and younger voters is critical for not only their chance of winning but as well the future. The debate gave students a chance to hear what each party had to say and even a chance to ask each party representative a question. All of this made way for a good but not great display of supporters for each major political party at Laurentian during the campaign and leading up towards the vote.

"I believe all students who choose to vote, deserve the same respect as those older"

-Steve Dinell

dent Steve Dinell was asked the question, "What are you thoughts on voting?" Dinell responded by saying, "I believe all students who choose to vote, deserve the same respect as those older. However, I do not agree with those who vote for the sake of voting and have no knowledge of the direction and focus of each political party."

Many Laurentian students showed their pride of being politically active on Election Day. T-shirts of major parties including Conservative, Liberal, NDP, Green, and Bloc Québécois were sold out side of the Great Hall. All parties seemed to be represented across LU with t-shirts of each party being worn around the campus. As well, there were several voting stations across campus which made it considerably easy for students to vote and get involved.

Election Day at Laurentian concluded with a rare Tuesday night trip to the pub. The event was put on by the SGA as a way for students to gather together, cheer on and talk about their favourite political party. Students came out with their political party t-shirts on and watched the election unfold on the big screen.

In the Sudbury, and a lot of other Northern regions across Ontario, the New Democratic Party was voted in. Glenn Thibeault is the new democratic representative for Sudbury and was highly liked and the favourite among many Laurentian students. The win for the NDP in Sudbury showed the strong roll that young voters can play in determining the outcome of the election. This created a major change for the Sudbury area, as the Liberal Party (representative, Marleau) had been in power for many years. Thus going to show the difference students could make across Canada.

Laurentian Students showed

Third year Laurentian stu-



Laurentian University students relax at the pub while the election results are being televised on the big screen, at LUPSA's election pun night.

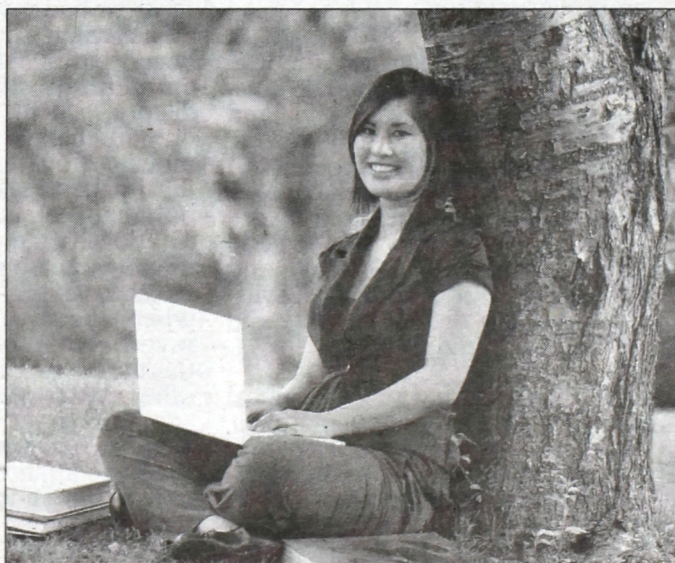


Joe Zamojski

Members of LUPSA gather in front of the television for the election results.

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Great Jobs for Arts and Science Majors?

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- The cost of living is quite cheap.

- You can become functional in a foreign language in one year.

- You get great experience for your teaching or public service career.

If the answer is yes to most of these, consider applying to teach English in Korea.

Here is what recruiters and Korean principals are looking for in potential teachers:

- A bachelors degree in any major for a regular teaching position or, if you simply want to do an internship (less pay), two years toward your bachelors degree or a college diploma.

- A passion for teaching and learning.

- English as your first language.

- Canadian passport

- Clean criminal background check

- Good health

- Sense of adventure and open mind

- Ability to live abroad for one year

- Willingness to follow the curriculum.

- Friendly, respectful personality.

VARIETY OF OPTIONS

There are a variety of

options available to you within Korea depending on your preferences and experience, and the availability of desired positions.

1. Public schools. You have a co-teacher and your hours are during the day.

2. Private schools. You will teach the class yourself, but the class is smaller. There may be other native English-speakers there too.

Hours can be either daytime or afternoon-evening.

3. Universities - you have an undergrad degree. Some teachers who have significant teaching experience are able to teach ESL classes to university students.

This means fewer in-class hours and more holidays.

4. Universities - with a Masters degree. While getting a university teaching position in Korea is competitive, it is possible for a Sudburian with a Masters to get one.

Understandably, a serious contender would be able to speak and write basic Korean and know the school system and culture.

FURTHER EDUCATION

In your first year in Korea or any foreign country, you are best to immerse yourself in the culture and your lesson planning. Let's say you want to return. You can

- if your employer and you both enjoyed your work - return to the same school,

or you can ask your recruiter for another location and position.

In your second year you may want to consider enhancing your knowledge-base and resume by taking an on-line Teaching English as a Second Language diploma. Just think! You would be paid for your placement!

ME, A PROFESSOR?!

There are people who never move back to Sudbury, having taught in Korea for a few years. I have heard of a lad who did his Masters on line while teaching in Korea, and who is now teaching English in a university there. Good pay, great holidays, nice benefit package, and meaningful work.

Ready to fly? Apply! There are a variety of recruiters to choose from. The one I know best is Access South Korea Now at www.asknow.ca. They have a very informative website and the coordinator, Jason Cresswell, is a Sudbury boy. Contact him at Jason@asknow.ca. Bon voyage!

Jan Carrie Steven is a part-time Counselor at Student Services. Write her at jc_steven@laurentian.ca; visit her website at www.basic-counseling-skills.com



Carolyn teaching in Korea

Jan Steven

What in the Economy happened to the World?

John Mavity
Lambda Writer

Three major factors contributed to the current financial crisis: government policy, central bank policy, and securitization.

First: For several decades the US government enacted financial laws forcing banks to make riskier and riskier loans. Most important was the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) of 1977, and expanded regularly ever since; this bill was written to pressure banks into giving loans to low and moderate income borrowers and neighborhoods, but criticized as likely to distort markets and lead to unsound lending.

Second: The US (and world) central banks enacted "easy money" policies, encouraging excessive borrowing, debt, and loans by dropping the interest rate from 8% in 1990 to 1.5% in 2008.

Third: Securitization is the process of packaging assets together, and selling the resulting "bundle" as a valuable asset in the investment market. Because of the interest a loan produces (in addition to the loan itself), it has recently been considered a cash-producing asset. Following the government's 1970 lead of selling securitized Ginnie Mae mortgage loans, the CRA loans were first securitized in 1997, opening the market to these high-risk-turned-value assets.

However, when the latest reforms to US regulations (especially the CRA) lowered the borrowing safety-standards once again, injecting even more risky loans into world investment markets, the number of high-risk borrowers who couldn't pay their loans

reached a critical mass, and the market realized that their investments were nowhere near as safe, and thus valuable, as they'd thought.

That's when the banks panicked, their stock value plummeted, and the world governments began bailing them out. It remained an economic problem while only the banks were suffering for their bad investments; it became a crisis when the world governments began bailing them out. Every government on the planet is already deeply in debt; the only way to bail out the banks was to borrow more money, transferring the stress from the financial sector, to the public and political sectors.

It doesn't help that world governments have bought trillions of dollars worth of IOUs from the US; if and when the US goes bankrupt, that investment money goes right down the tubes, and increases the strain on other governments.

Canada can weather this no problem. We have a large, well-educated workforce; an advanced construction, transportation, and communication infrastructure; a stable government and economy; and one of the most natural-resource wealthy countries on the planet. There will be difficulty, no doubt, but so long as we don't make the same mistakes the US did - allow central bank and government interference in the financial sector, let public debt grow unchecked, and try to run a welfare-warfare state at the same time - we should have no problem.

Why did I write this article? I wrote it because every single major news source is feeding us the same party line, that government and centralization can save us, and had nothing to do with causing the problem in the first place. This isn't just an inaccuracy, it's an exact lie; and I hate to see anyone, especially fellow students and Canadians, being lied too.

A LIFE LOST TO HOCKEY... BUT IT COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED.

David Volpato
LAWLU - Law School
Operations Commissioner

A 19 year old Russian superstar tragically lost his life on Monday October 13, 2008. Alexei Cherepanov collapsed on the bench with only a few minutes left to go in the game after missing a two on one scoring opportunity with infamous line mate, Jaromir Jagr. It has been labeled a heart related problem that caused Cherepanov to collapse and later on, lose his life. After medical examination, it became prevalent that Cherepanov suffered from a heart related medical condition called ischemia. Ischemia is when not enough blood gets to the heart and other organs.

However, this may have been avoided if the rules of the Continental Hockey League (the league in which this event took place) had been followed that night in Moscow. In the contract binding all teams involved in the Continental Hockey League, there is a clause that states "...paramedics or equivalent medical personnel must be present at all regular and post season matches". Paramedics were present on the night that Cherepanov collapsed, but had left only a few minutes before Alexei's heart stopped beating. It has been alleged that the paramedics believed that the game was 'almost over' and left the arena. It took nearly fifteen minutes for the paramedics to return to the aid of Cherepanov. Paramedics were unsuccessful in reviving Alexei, largely due

to the fact that they were not equipped with a defibrillator. A defibrillator is a portable unit used to shock a person's heart. These defibrillators have been mandatory in all Canadian hockey arenas since 2006.

Negligence is often called into matters of this type. If paramedics had been present for the remainder of the game, or if a defibrillator was available for disposal, or if a medical doctor had found this ischemia, this tragic event could have been prevented. According to Barron's Canadian Law Dictionary, negligence is defined as "the omitting to do something that a reasonable man would do or the doing something which a reasonable man would not do". Any reasonable doctor would have prevented Alexei from playing hockey if they had discovered the ischemia in Cherepanov's system. Any reasonable man whose duty is to be a paramedic would not leave a game because it is 'almost over'. Negligence is highly present in this case and I hope that someone is held accountable.

A criminal investigation has been launched as of Wednesday October 15, 2008. Alexei Cherepanov was chosen 17th overall by the New York Rangers in the 2007 NHL draft.

LAWLU, the Law and Justice Club on campus would like to underline a very important concept. LAW AFFECTS EVERYBODY. This time it had as an unfortunate result, the death of a promising athlete. Please e-mail lawlu@laurentian.ca if you have any suggestions on topics to be discussed in the next issue of LAMBDA.

Suicide! What can you do to stop it?

**Dylan McAneney Peer
Health Education
Coordinator**

Hello, I have recently been hired by Health Services to educate students about health related issues. My name is Dylan McAneney and I am your Peer Health Education Coordinator for this academic year. This is my first article with Lambda, and it comes at a time when a serious issue needs to be at the forefront of our minds.

I am not going to sugar coat this or make it seem like less of a problem than it has really become. Suicide attempts have been numerous already this year. I personally do not have all the answers as to why this is happening. I love Laurentian and I have always loved all of my experiences here. Perhaps there are more complex circumstances surrounding these attempts, which is why I want to shed some light on this problem. Information and knowledge are the key to prevention of any health-related issue. The information presented here comes from the

Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA). More information can be found on the CMHA website at http://www.cmha.ca/BINS/content_page.asp?cid=3-101-102.

Who is at risk?
People likely to commit suicide include those who:
- are having a serious physical or mental illness,
- are abusing alcohol or drugs,
- are experiencing a major loss, such as the death of a loved one, unemployment or divorce,
- are experiencing major changes in their life, such as teenagers and seniors,
- have made previous suicide threats.

What are the danger signs?
Some warning signs that a person may be suicidal include:

- repeated expressions of hopelessness, helplessness, or desperation,
- behavior that is out of character, such as recklessness in someone who is normally careful,
- signs of depression - sleeplessness, social withdrawal, loss of appetite, loss of interest in usual activities,
- a sudden and unexpected change to a cheerful attitude,
- giving away prized pos-

sessions to friends and family,

- making a will, taking out insurance, or other preparations for death, such as telling final wishes to someone close,
- making remarks related to death and dying, or an expressed intent to commit suicide. An expressed intent to commit suicide should always be taken very seriously.

Prevent a suicide attempt
If you are concerned that someone may be suicidal, take action. If possible, talk with the person directly. The single-most important thing you can do is listen attentively without judgement.

Talking about suicide can only decrease the likelihood that someone will act on suicidal feelings. There is almost no risk that raising the topic with someone who is not considering suicide will prompt him/her to do it.

Find a safe place to talk with the person, and allow as much time as necessary. Assure him/her of your concern and your respect for his/her privacy. Ask the person about recent events, and encourage him/her to express his/her feelings freely. Do not minimize the feelings involved.

Ask whether the person

feels desperate enough to consider suicide. If the answer is yes, ask, "Do you have a plan? How and where do you intend to kill yourself?"

Admit your own concern and fear if the person tells you that he/she is thinking about suicide but do not react by saying, "You shouldn't be having these thoughts; things can't be that bad." Remember, you are being trusted with someone's deepest feelings. Although it may upset you, talking about those feelings will bring the person relief. Ask if there is anything you can do. Talk about resources that can be drawn on (family, friends, community agencies, crisis centers) to provide support, practical assistance, counseling or treatment.

Make a plan with the person for the next few hours or days. Make contacts with him/her or on his/her behalf. If possible, go with the person to get help.

Let the person know when you can be available, and then make sure you are available at those times. Also, make sure your limits are known, and try to arrange that there is always someone that he/she can call at any time of day.

Ask who else knows about the suicidal feelings. Are there other people who

should know? Is the person willing to tell them? Unfortunately, not everyone will treat this issue sensitively. Confidentiality is important, but do not keep the situation secret if a life is clearly in danger.

Stay in touch to see how he/she is doing. Praise the person for having the courage to trust you and for continuing to live and struggle.

Students can speak confidentially with a counselor (counseling and support services) about such troubling situations and receive additional advice. These consultations can be arranged by simply calling the office at 673-6506 and asking to make an appointment with one of the counselors.

You may also contact or visit Health Services in the main hall of single students residence (SSR) 675-1151 ex 1067 or receive additional information on health related topics including suicide from Dylan McAneney by contacting me at dm.mcaneney@laurentian.ca or 675-1151 ex 1069.

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The Stratford Trip

Anja Laffrenier
Lambda Writer

To Go or Not to Go

My hand writes to you from a new pen I received from the annual school trip to Stratford, Ontario. The pen reads, "The pen is mightier than the sword," and in order to prove this quip, I want to write my thoughts to you. The Stratford trip, which costs \$110 for the round trip, the accommodations, and the two plays, took place on Wednesday, September 14th and Thursday, September 15th. Although the ride was long, the trip was worth every hour spent on the bus. Upon our arrival to Stratford, the day was rainy, but the sites were many. Stratford was beautiful with its majestic and swan-filled waters, the glorious fall leaves upon the trees, and eclectic shops up and down the streets. This experience was made possible thanks to the wonderful people in the English and Theatre departments at both Laurentian University and Georgian College. I want to specifically thank Emy Adam, the Department of English secretary, for organizing and sharing

with the Laurentian Community the splendor of the theatre in Stratford, Ontario. The Shakespeare festival trip brought with it several diverse students from Laurentian University and Georgian College. Two fabulous plays were shown at the Festival Theatre. These two plays were Shakespeare's comedy, "The Taming of the Shrew" and tragedy, "Hamlet". Both plays were filled with the very element Shakespeare loved best, drama. Not only did the plays prove rewarding but the actors added great flare to the shows. The characterization was well thought out, the costumes were incredible, and the stage direction was unforgettable! The many people you spend your time with, the shops, and the nightlife created a memorable experience filled with smiles and laughter, not only on the stage but also with the people you met along the way. If you have not been to the Stratford Festival in Stratford, Ontario I suggest buying some tickets and going! The experience is one you will remember forever! Remember, more tickets for the Stratford trip will be available next year in the Department of English!



No Country for That Old Man

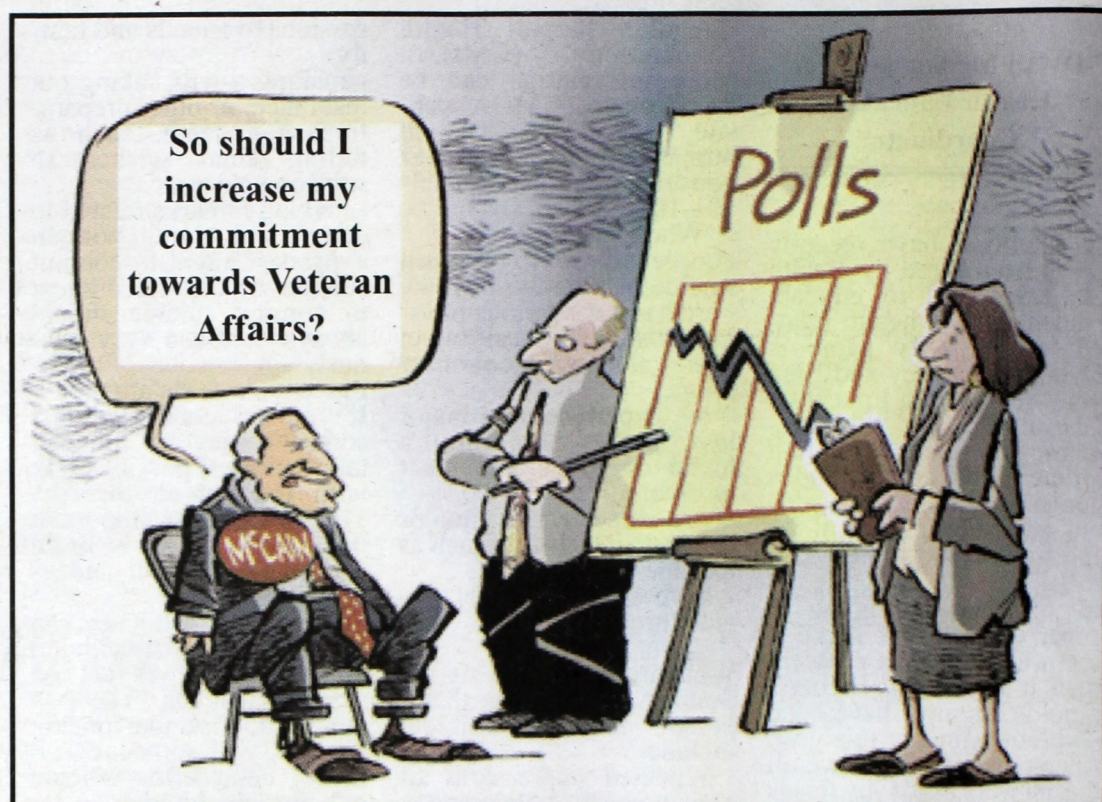
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Last Wednesday, Barack Obama and John McCain took part in the third and final Presidential debate held in Hempstead, New York. The focus of the debate was around domestic policies, primarily the struggling economy. Early on, it was clear that there was a fundamental difference between the two candidates in regard to taxes. Obama's main objective is to shift the tax burden away from the middle-class and towards those who can afford to give up more. He emphasized the need to end the Bush Administration's tax cuts for the rich, which he says will continue under a McCain administration. "Now, Senator McCain, the centerpiece of his economic proposal is to provide \$200 billion in additional tax breaks to some of the wealthiest corporations in America," said Obama during the debate. On the other hand, McCain stated that his opponent wants to increase taxes on small businesses, which he believes is dangerous during perilous times in the economy. "Now, of all times in America, we need to cut people's taxes. We need to encourage business, create jobs, not spread the wealth around," said McCain. Throughout this topic, it sounded as if each candidate

over exaggerated the intentions of the other. Thus Americans could be left to believe that the future of their country will either be in the hands of a communist or an oligarch.

Another issue that also seems to divide the two candidates is free trade. As a so-called "Free Trader", McCain took issue to the fact that Senator Obama opposed the Colombia Free Trade Agreement. "Free trade with Colombia is something that's a no-brainer. But maybe you ought to travel down there and visit them and maybe you could understand it a lot better," said McCain. However, McCain failed to address the social and political tension in Colombia that has led to numerous human rights violations in the region. In his defence, Obama stated that, "The history in Colombia right now is that labour leaders have been targeted for assassination on a fairly consistent basis and there have not been prosecutions."

What's important here, is not so much Obama's statement, but rather McCain's immediate reaction afterwards. Those who had the privilege of watching the debate on a split screen will know what I am taking about. McCain raised his eyebrows and rolled his eyes in disdain, a reaction that would suggest Obama's remarks were either false or of little importance. The next time McCain decides to travel to Colombia, he should actual-



ly visit the workers in the factories and not the politicians in their palaces. According to Human Rights Watch, "Twenty-six trade unionists, including five union leaders, had been killed in Colombia last year." Shame on you Barack Obama for diverting attention away from the current free trade policies that truly plague the people of Colombia.

Despite the overwhelming coverage that the debate generated, minimal attention was devoted to what was happening just outside the

venue. Members of Iraq Veterans Against the War (IVAW), alongside thousands of demonstrators, organized a protest just outside the gates. Their task was to convince organizers in allowing two members of IVAW to gain access into the facility in order to ask both Obama and McCain a question. According to Democracy Now, 15 people were arrested, while a police officer on horseback trampled a member of IVAW, who immediately sought medical attention. They came to protest in peace, but

yet again, it ended in animosity. Those who sacrifice their lives for their country deserve not only financial compensation, but an answer. An answer that will reassure them the cause was justified, and the realization that their brothers and sisters did not die in vain. As a veteran and a war hero, McCain should dramatically increase his commitment towards Veteran Affairs, especially at a time when his poll numbers are falling. You can continue to roll your eyes, but you can't turn your back old man.

Debate at Laurentian gets Painted Orange

Jason Miller
Editor in Chief

On October 9th, 2008 Laurentian University held a campaign debate for Sudbury representatives. Out of all the parties, four attended the debate including: Liberal, NDP, FPP, and the Green. Jack Layton was campaigning in Sudbury at Science North so Glenn Thibeault, the Sudbury NDP representative, attended fashionably late. The Debate began by a simple question asking what their personal favorite desert was, and a desert that best resembles their party. They responded: FPP, Will Morin stated his

favorite was pecan pie, however their party likes them all and does not discriminate against any deserts. Liberal, Diane Marleau told the audience that she enjoys Oatmeal Raisin Cookies, and the party's desert was an apple pie. NDP, Glenn Thibeault said that his favorite was cheesecake, and the party's desert was also cheesecake. Finally the Green candidate Gordon Harris told his favorite desert, his mother's pie, and the party's desert was a 'Green' apple pie. After the humorous question the debate began and from there, the NDP showed the most charisma, while really attending to student needs. The NDP wants to lower tuition fees, which every student wants, and blames the Liberal gov-

ernment for the high tuition fees. Diane Marleau tried pushing the blame away from the Liberals claiming it is provincial ruling, and it is not in their jurisdiction but the NDP wanted to change that and make tuition fees a federal concern. The NDP continued to dominate the debate, catering to all student needs from tuition fees to the cost of living. Overall Laurentian University and the students involved showed a large amount of interest. The host stated a quote by Rick Mercer that was "Government doesn't care about students" and after this election it seems many students care about politics. Today parties must reach out to students, and that is exactly what Glenn Thibeault did and look at those results.

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Romeo and Juliet return to Thorneloe's mainstage



Jacqueline Miller
Arts & Entertainment Editor

It was nearly 15 years ago that Valerie Senyk directed her first mainstage at Thorneloe, Shakespeare's classic tragedy, "Romeo and Juliet." Coming off last year's sabbatical, she decided to revisit the play and approach it differently after looking over numerous different scripts. As it may be her last year at the university, it seems only fitting that "Romeo and Juliet" will once again grace the stage under her direction. Senyk has drawn inspiration from many different styles of theatre for this production. She has travelled to China four times and was greatly intrigued by Chinese propaganda theatre, popular in the 60s and 70s, and is also using influences from Brechtian theatre (also inspired by Chinese theatre) to teach people about a social problem, and cause the audience to react to what they see as opposed to becoming merely engaged with what they see. As she describes it, the love story "is engaging, but improbable. We can assume that Shakespeare may have used the love story to tell a larger story- when people are in conflict, nothing turns out properly." She is using this opportunity to focus on the social milieu as opposed to simply the love story. In order to do this she has created a rather large chorus, which remains on stage for the majority of the play. They help to create not only the physical environment, such as the garden or the

crypt, but also the feelings of how tense and sticky some of the situations become, and the intense conflict that is the centre of the play.

The wonderful thing about "Romeo and Juliet" is that so many people are already familiar with the play, what with many people having studied it in high school, and the Shakespearean language barrier is not quite as pronounced for audiences. Senyk's vision of the play is one that is highly theatrical- she is letting the moment take her where it will, and is allowing for a lot of play on the stage.

The number of cast members has fluctuated but settled at approximately 21, who consist of a couple of alumni, many current students, and a student visiting from South America, here at Laurentian to look at the plays of Native playwrights. According to Senyk, the cast is very diverse, both in terms of race and of experience in the theatre. Because so many of them are new to the stage, there is going to be a preview performance on November 20th, which will be pay what you can, to help the actors get used to having an audience while they perform.

Until then, the actors are engaged in a very intense and demanding rehearsal schedule. Senyk and her assistant director, Jenny Hazelton, are treating it much like ensemble acting. Essentially, even if someone has a principle role, they can still be part of the chorus, and it is something that ensures everyone is very dedicated to what they are doing and that they become very disciplined in the theatre. When everyone is equalized it becomes a much different experience for all

those involved. They have to depend on everyone else and there is a lot of trust involved, especially with such a large cast.

Jenny Hazelton is a graduate of Laurentian University and spent the last year training and studying movement at L'Ecole Internationale de Théâtre Jacques Lecoq in France before returning to Sudbury. She is now helping to choreograph the movement of the actors on stage. Hazelton is actually one of Senyk's former students, and Senyk says that she and Hazelton have very similar visions of how they see the production, and they are working well together.

Senyk has incorporated many different elements into the play that are not traditionally seen in Shakespeare. There are parts of the play that are almost dance-like in their movement, and it has a lot of choral speaking and singing. As well, one of the actors has created electronic music for the show, and Senyk has written the lyrics for them. One scene where this is quite evident is when Romeo and Juliet meet at the masquerade ball for the first time.

"It's hard to determine what kind of theatre we are creating," Senyk has said. "Theatre has to do something different than film. We can't get as close to realism." The actors and directors have to create a social scene on stage, which depends a great deal on the interaction between the audience and the actors. Every performance is different because every audience is different, and how they react to certain lines and scenes, they have a mindset and an energy that is clear to everyone on stage. "I want the audience to come in with an



open mind. This is a very different treatment of the play, and they [the audience] likely won't see this kind of theatre again soon." Opening night for "Romeo and Juliet" is Friday November 21st at 8 pm. It will also be running at 8pm on November 22nd, 26th,

27th, 28th, 29th, with a 1pm matinee on November 23rd. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, with a Toonie Night on the 26th. Tickets are available at the LU Bookstore and at the door, and reservations can be made by calling 673-1730, ext.0.

A & E Events happening in November

Jacqueline Miller

Arts & Entertainment Editor

Hey everyone! I hope that Thanksgiving was fantastic and turkey-filled for everyone - or veggie filled for those who don't eat meat! - and I'm sure that everyone is looking forward to heading home for Reading Week. I know that I am definitely looking forward to being able to sleep in a little bit, and getting some home-cooked meals. I just wanted to leave you with some information about some upcoming events in October and

November.

First off, for any artists out there, from October 29th to October 31st the Laurentian Games Room is being repainted. It will be happening from 12-7 pm on all of those days, and they are looking for artists to help paint murals, and anyone else who wants to try their hand at painting- there are lots of walls that are big enough for anyone to keep inside the lines. For more information contact Amber-Lee at ax_carriere@laurentian.ca.

November starts off with LUL's Got Talent on Friday the 7th at the university. I'll hopefully be getting more information about this in the next issue for you.

Also on the 7th and 8th is part of the Laurentian University Concert series, the 5-Penny New Music Concerts: The World of Elliott Carter at St. Peter's United Church (203 York Street). Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 students and are available from the

Department of Music or at the door. You can also purchase a Concert Series pass that will get you into all 10 concerts at a price of \$60 for adults or \$50 for students. For more information, contact the Department of Music 675-1151 ex.2520, and see our website: <http://www.laurentian.ca/Laurentian/Home/Departments/music>.

On November 13th, Margaret Atwood comes to the university for Laurentian's fourth annual Margaret Atwood Birthday Dinner. There will be a gourmet dinner and a chance to meet the author herself, and hear her read from her new work, Payback: Debt and the Shadow Side of Wealth (2008 Massey Lectures). Tickets are \$60, which includes a \$30 tax receipt for donation to Laurentian's proposed Indigenous Sharing and Learning Centre as championed by the Next 50 Campaign. Student tickets (without the tax receipt) are \$30. Tickets are available on campus from the Department of English (7th floor, R.D. Parker Bldg), Reception in the Parker Building Foyer, the Office of Academic Native Affairs L359 (Parker Bldg), by credit card purchase from the Development Office (675-4872), and in downtown Sudbury at Jan Browning Boutique on

Durham Street. For more information, contact Professor Shannon Hengen or Professor Susan Glover in the Department of English at 705-675-1151, ext. 4340.

The 4th concert of the Laurentian Concert Series is on November 17th at 7:30 pm at St. Andrew's United Church (111 Larch Street). Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students. The Laurentian University Choir will perform J.S. Bach's glorious Magnificat, as well as other Baroque gems and lighter jazz-influenced seasonal selections. The choir is conducted by Dr. James McGowan and will also feature a number of excellent vocal soloists and instrumentalists.

Again, opening night for "Romeo and Juliet" is Friday November 21st at 8 pm at Thorneloe Theatre. It's running for 7 performances - November 22nd, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th at 8 pm and a matinee on November 23rd at 1 pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, with a Toonie Night on the 26th. There is also a Pay What You Can open rehearsal on November 20th. Tickets are available at the LU Bookstore and at the door, and reservations can be made by calling 673-1730, ext.0.

I've also recently found out

about a concert on November 21st at 7:30 pm in the foyer of the Desmarais Library. It will be an informal evening of early music from 17th century England featuring members of Dr. Charlotte Leonard's baroque music class, some poetry from Dr. Susan Glover's English class, and some laughs and singing that will include the whole audience. The English were known for rounds that incorporate "naughty" lyrics, which I am sure there will be plenty of throughout the evening. There will hopefully be some munchies from the era, and perhaps even a bar.

I am going to be attending as many events as humanly possible, and I hope to see all of you out there as well. These events take a lot of time and effort to organize, so show your appreciation by attending. There are events on nearly every day of the week so if you find yourself with a free evening and nothing to do, check out events around campus. I have no doubt you will be able to find something that interests you. And don't forget that Sue Johanson will be at the Pub Downunder on Thursday November 20th- free for all SGA members! Enjoy your Reading Week and have a fantastic Halloween.



The G-PHONE, The VIROCHIP, and YouTube!



Mustafa Abdulhusein
Science & Tech Editor

As you may be able to imagine, Science and Technology is such a wide topic which covers everything in the world really! Most of the items we rely on throughout the day have science and technology involved at some point – from electricity to the warming of the globe. I'm not aiming on getting into a philosophical discussion on what the portfolio of Science and Tech Editor covers, but I think I was oddly suffering from a short bout of writer's block. That little ramble helped me get over it!

Ok, for today's column I want to get back to the grass roots of Science and Tech (And yes, I do know that 'grass roots' is a buzz word most recently used in the political arena, but I figured using it one more time would do no harm). The past two columns I've written dealt with nanotechnology and the flu vaccine, respectively. Part of the difficulty again is that there are so many interesting topics to write about, and not enough issues of Lambda! So instead of focusing on one topic only, the recipe for this week's column is a bit of a melange. If you read on, you'll find a tid bit of the G-phone,

a pinch of YouTube's new marketing schemes, and a tad of new technology (the Virochip).

Ok, first thing I wanted to tell you about was this new G1 phone, also known as the Google phone. Unless you live in a remote, inaccessible location underneath the remnants of a cave, near the Earth's crust where only Lambda reaches you, you may not have heard about the iPhone. If you're a part of the other portion of the population which has access to the media, you will have heard of the iPhone, and to some degree even be familiar with it. The new G-Phone is being touted by some as coming close to the iconic bar set by the iPhone. Others have their doubts. I don't personally own a G-Phone, so I can't give an honest opinion. It's clear that by this point, the juggernaut that is Google will not be outdone. The major difference between these two smart phones is that the G1 has an operating system called Android (which is the real star of the show). Android is meant to give smart phone manufacturers a platform on which to spring board their applications. The actual hardware component of the first G1 will be an HTC with a T-Mobile provider. There are several important pros and cons with the Android compared to the iPhone. It may be a little cheaper, which is good. It has a QWERTY keyboard, which is also good especially if you're used to using BlackBerries. The built in Google integration, especially with Google Maps

(whose StreetView will actually rotate as you rotate the phone, so you can orient yourself with what you see around you and what your phone is showing you) will be priceless. Some of the initial drawbacks are because of an expansion slot and a replaceable spare battery, the G1 is slightly bulkier and not as aesthetically pleasing as the iPhone. Also, there doesn't seem to be to much interest in the syncing the phone with iTunes or with Outlook, which might be an issue for some business minded people, ironically, the same people who would use it because of its similarity to a BlackBerry. All in all, it doesn't seem to have that 'pezaaz' we have come to see from Apple, which may not be an issue if you can write your own applications using Android. I think it's a great idea, but still needs a little work.

Wow, ok, that was quite a bit on the G-phone! Moving on...

Next up we have a cool little invention known as the 'Virochip'. This is a relatively new invention from the mind of Dr. Joseph DeRisi (he just won the Heinz Award, valued at \$250,000), who has basically mastered the use of both computers and biology to come up with a virus detector. In a nutshell – the Virochip is a small piece of glass which, according to Dr. DeRisi, "has little DNA fragments of every virus we've ever discovered." What that will allow researchers to do is to match a piece of unknown

DNA to that of a known virus, and thus be able to identify it! For example, you're walking down a path and all of a sudden, you stumble on a vial which says "new and unknown microorganism"! You think to yourself, self, I suspect this vial contains a virus. Only you're not certain if it's a virus...yet. You rush to the lab, isolate a specimen and whip out your Virochip like some sort of 'Virusman'. After tagging the virus molecule with fluorescent dyes, you put it into the Virochip and voila, Bob's your uncle, bingo was his name-o, when in Rome. As you may know, complementary DNA strands stick to one another, so if the sample's DNA matches any of the sequences on the chip that spot will glow! Literally! This handy chip can also be used to find undiscovered viruses based on the concept of evolution and how certain base pairs are kept constant. Further, this chip has already been used to identify SARS and several strains of the avian flu! DeRisi and his associates have chosen not to patent the technology, so that it can the most benefit can be derived from it. I think this is absolutely amazing – in 10-20 years, the ViroChip I'm sure will be used to teach in classrooms and labs around the world.

200 million. 29 billion. What do these numbers mean? When written just like that, they're just a lot of zeroes. No biggie. But if I were to write them like this: \$200 million, \$29 billion, then suddenly you start paying more attention right?

The first number is how much YouTube is projected to make in 2009 for its parent company (who is projected to make the second number in the same period). Who makes that much in a year? You guessed it, the same juggernaut, the heavyweight champion of the internet – Google. But apparently, its not enough (when is it ever right), because YouTube is now taking several steps to offer its users an e-commerce service. You'll be able to purchase media from a complete selection of music, films, TV shows, video games, books, and yes, even concert tickets. The paltry \$200 million currently comes from advertising revenue, which apparently can be stepped up to the next level through advertising schemes! Think about that the next time you watch YouTube – in a few months, you might have to put up with InVideo advertising (a little rolling line at the bottom of the video screen – like a CNN news reel), as well as pre-roll advertising (a short clip before your video plays) and even Video ID technology. The last one is quite intrusive if you ask me, and seems a little creepy – it would allow content owners (like video or music producers) the ability to know when their content is uploaded so that they can take advantage of advertising around that clip.

Well, that does it for this issue! Have a great reading week and don't 'read' to much – it can be dangerous to your health!

THE CAMEL BOYS ARE TODAY'S SLAVES

Mustafa Abdulhusein
Science & Tech Editor

Let me say right off the bat – you're not going to enjoy what I have to say in this article. I'm stepping out of my 'writing comfort zone', but in the process articulate an issue I recently learned and become passionate about.

Do you think that slavery is no longer an issue we have to worry about? Think again. The parameters and the proximity of slavery to Canada may have changed – but the concept is still alive and actively practiced in countless localities around the globe.

Who are the camel boys and how are they being subjected to slavery, you ask. An excellent question, I reply. 'The camel boys' is the term given to young boys who are either abducted from their homes or bought and sold like slaves at a very young age. These young boys are then taken away from their homes in Pakistan, Bangladesh, India or Sudan and forced to race on one ton beasts known as the Arabian camel. They are brought against their will – mostly to the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The UAE is country composed of five cities, including Dubai and Abu Dhabi. These cities are increasing-

ly popular vacation destinations for people from the west, probably because the UAE is one of the few allies that the west has in the Arabian Gulf region. Also, the UAE has experienced preposterous profits, mainly due to the oil prices across the globe. But the economy and the tourism industry are not my concern. My concern lies with the young boys who are being used without conscience.

This young boy stands outside his 'home' – little more than a hut with a rug.

Some boys can be as young as two! This organized crime is taking place for one major reason – money. Not to mention the camel racing industry is of huge entertainment value to the sheikhs of the United Arab Emirates, who enjoy watching their valuable camels racing and in some cases, winning huge amounts of money. This is really an epidemic which must be known to the leaders and rulers of the UAE. In fact, recent estimates

put the number of boys who live as slaves at 40,000! It's difficult to put an accurate figure on the number, because photography is conventionally not allowed at the race tracks. Besides actually photographing them, another method to track the number is when the parents report the kidnapping in the home country. Unfortunately, this method is also flawed because some parents and the boys' families live in such

extreme poverty that they are actually sold to the organizations in the UAE just as slaves would be, and so these parents would not report the children missing. It's also important to remember that this is not a recent phenomenon – commercial camel racing has been present for nearly 25 years. Children are preferred for jockeys for reasons which are apparent. They are light weight, thus allowing the camel to run faster. They eat very (in fact they are often systematically starved just to keep their weight down) and are easier to house. And who's heard of an organized child protest? Also, children from South Asia are preferred because of the higher pitched yell that they have, which apparently makes the camel run even faster (a camel, during a race, can gallop at 20 km/h).

A July 4, 2005 article published in The Nation (the Pakistani daily paper, not the U.S. publication) describes this practice in detail: "Ansar Burney said that these innocent children are brought to the Middle Eastern and Arab countries from poor third-world countries, where they are either sold deliberately by their parents to the traffickers for money to support the rest of their family, or support their own drug or drink habits; while others are kidnapped and brought to these countries by the smuggling agents... These children, living wretched lives are abused and tortured daily. They live and sleep in hot, crowded huts

made from corrugated iron sheets, without electricity in the high desert temperatures of above 52 degrees centigrade [126 °F]. Years of abuse has led these children to have their upper legs flesh rubbed away, their bones and body structures being damaged and their sexual organs destroyed."

This young boy is shown in full body protection and helmet, working in 40°C heat. The background shows the unique skyline of Dubai.



Mustafa Abdulhusein

A boy is shown in body protection and helmet, working in 40°C heat in Dubai.

away from their homes and often beaten or electrically shocked when they refuse to race.

In a nutshell, what we are witnessing here is child cruelty on an industrial scale.

According to uaeprison.com, a Pakistani boy worked five years as a camel jockey. He started at age 4 and remembers the race as noisy and dangerous, where more than 50 camels with screaming children strapped onto their backs would run. He personally saw about 20 children die, and more than a dozen injured every week. He recalls: "There was one kid whose strap broke at the beginning of the race. His head was crushed between the legs of the running camel. Once the race has started it cannot stop."

Well, I told you that you wouldn't enjoy what I wanted to say in this article! I hope this has at least raised the issue of child camel jockeys in your mind and perhaps even leading you to act on it. With Thanksgiving just passed and with reading week coming up, give a second thought to those less fortunate, especially these poor young camel boys

-Mustafa Abdulhusein



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Young jockeys are torn away from their homes and often beaten or electrically shocked when they refuse to race.



This young boy stands outside his 'home' – little more than a hut with a rug.

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Young jockeys like these are torn

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Open	4:00pm
The Learning Clinic (educational talk radio)	5:00pm
Restaurant At The End Of The Universe (Open)	6:00pm
non-sequitor radio	8:00pm
Rave Doug	10:00pm
	12:00am

Country Cruise	Tuesday
It's vinylly tuesday	7:30am
Maggie May Classic B-side Rock (Classic Rock)	9:30am
Open	10:30pm
Barry Champlain 'Things To Do On A Tuesday Afternoon Show'	12:00pm
Famous Flava Reggae	1:00pm
Famous Flava Reggae	4:00pm
Artistry In Jazz (Jazz)	6:00pm
The Show	8:00pm
Open	10:00pm
	12:00am

Open	Wednesday
Monster A Go-Go (Open-Garage-Soul)	9:30am
Lunch With The Trinnie (Community Interviews)	10:00am
Flow	12:00pm
Flow	2:00pm
Folk Rock	3:00pm
beeps squeaks and clicks (w/ electro Joel)	5:00pm
Audible Pornography	6:00pm
Night Fright	8:00pm
Open	10:00pm
	12:00am

Country Cruise	Thursday
Jazz	7:30am
Putamayo world music hour	9:30am
Green Majority	11:30am
Radio Goethe (German Electronica) (Pre-Recorded)	12:30pm
Open	1:30pm
Cosmic Dave's 'LATE NIGHT' Radio Show, with your host Cosmic Dave	2:30pm
Hot Bunny Radio (Open)	4:20pm
Metal Corp. (Metal)	6:00pm
The Kayla Show	8:00pm
Open	10:00pm
	12:00am

Reg's Recycled Records (Seniors)	Friday
Peek at the Past (Seniors)	7:30am
Sounds for Seniors (Seniors-Swing-Jazz-Jive)	10:00am
Music of your Life (Seniors)	11:00pm
Reg's Recycled Records/Trance room	1:00pm
Miller Time (Jason Miller)	2:00pm
My Pickin' Parlour (Guitar - Not Rock)	3:00pm
Artistry In Jazz (Jazz)	6:00pm
This Week in Braille (Experimental)	8:00pm
	10:00pm

Open	Saturday
And Now... (Open)	7:30am
Discorporate Rock Radio	10:00am
famous flava	12:00am
famous flava	2:00pm
Village of the Darned (Open)	4:00pm
We Be Jammin' (Urban)	6:00pm
Rhythms Of Clublife (Trance/House)	8:00pm
Notes From The Underground (Urban)	10:00pm
	12:00am

Slot Available	Sunday
Sitting Back Pickin' (Open)	7:30am
Radio Polonia (Polish)	10:00am
The Jig's Up (East-Coast - Celtic)	12:00pm
Vibrations of India (South Asian)	1:30pm
Open	2:30pm
Light Classics w/ Sig	4:00pm
La Revanche des Singes Volants (French)	6:00pm
Above The Waste (Metal)	8:00pm
The Nadine Show	10:00pm
	12:00am

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Daily Program Themes

Mondays – Start the week off with what all the cool kids are listening to, for real and pretend. Then join the human race at eleven and catch Andy Travis and his Top 30 chart, and if you've ever wondered what the music scene is like up here, tune in at 5pm for City Spins. The Learning Clinic at six features professionals from various fields discussing their respective vocations, and at eight Restaurant At The End of the Universe serves up a five-course feast of music for seasoned rock-oners. A fitting aperitif of a mish mash of new and unknown tunes takes you to the end of CKLU's radio programming day.

Tuesdays – Good morning hip-hop, hello urban! Flow into work sans probleme. At nine-thirty Focus Sharon Focus tests the office place with a conglomeration of films, books on tape and completely unrelated tunes. For those who hated grunge even (and especially) when it was cool, you'll love Barry Champlain's secretly snobby music sensibility. Put your ears on cruise control to Sudbury's own good feel Jamaican daddy Flava at four, followed by the exceptional song selections by local silk-screen guru Skanes. And of course, every Tuesday should end by zoning out to electronica, non?

Wednesdays – CKLU's latest recruit Sir James is the quintessential morning host, always remaining in his lane and keeping both eyes on the proverbial road. Hear Paul Lowenberg, the pro behind Monster-a-go-go for twenty years: he is the voice of indie

music. Linger over lunch with The Trinnie and meet folks from all over the world telling their stories and experiences here in the Suds. For your fix of conspiracy and paranormal radio, do not miss Night Fright Afternoon with Brent Holland. Get a folky low down on the university club scene (as in chess, books and the rest), followed by a smattering of beeps, squeaks and clicks. Then drop all inhibitions and tune in to Audible Porn. And if you missed Night Fright, fear not, Brent is back on at ten.

Thursdays – This is CKLU's salute to syndicated programming, starting off with Barry Mercer's Jazzomania, then taking you all over the globe care of Putamayo, followed by our friends from out west and their scoop on living and eating right. Sound of Sound is a smashing trip through time on the flip side, followed by our own Cosmic Dave's "smokin'" afternoon of smoke-friendly tunes. Hot Bunny Radio kicks off at six with her cool and collected picks from the hip and happening. Metal heads bang together at eight (Rock On Sudbury!), followed by a friendly shot in the arm of great tunage.

Fridays – Welcome to Canada's only radio programming for and by seniors. Hear the old country classics and all the late and the greats that pioneered music as we know it now. Check out Miller Time at three for a distinct brand of political commentary mixed with, well, let's face it: guy music. DJZL, Canada's top DJ, is on at 8, spinning house

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Sundays – It's International Music Day! Starting at ten, My Pickin' Parlour is a beautifully arranged program featuring acoustic and classical guitar. Radio Polonia is our Polish connection with a gypsy vibe and Polish news, followed by a contemplative and distinctly Canadian Irish stew of jigs and ballads. Vibrations of India magically takes you to a better place within, followed by the best reggae and dub on the airwaves. Les singes volants provide the hippest French music out there, leading into award winning metal show Above the Waste. Nadine's Late Nite provides the perfect soundtrack for reflecting on the past week and scheming for the next.

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Toronto Raptors Season Preview



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Sports Editor

As the pre-season comes to a close, the Toronto Raptors have high hopes heading into the 08/09 regular season. Opening October 29th in Philadelphia the new-look Toronto Raptors look to start off the season with a bang, as new comers Jermaine O'Neal, Will Soloman, Hassan Adams and Roko Ukic make their Raps debut. During a busy NBA off-season that saw many players including Carlo's Delfino venture overseas, the Toronto Raptors GM Bryan Colangelo wasn't far from the action as he traded TJ

Ford and veteran Rasha Nesterovic, for Jermaine O'Neal adding some much needed toughness to the Raptors front court. As a result of this blockbuster trade, an eager Jose Calderon seems ready to take over at the point guard position and looks to give the Raptors a boost with a refreshing pass-first mentality. The added size and toughness down low should also make it easier for sharp shooters Jason Kapono, and the NBA's 2006, 1st overall draft pick Andrea Bargnani rebound from a sluggish season in 07/08.

Chris Bosh is coming off an exciting Beijing Olympic experience, which saw him beat fellow Raptors teammate Jose Calderon and the rest of the Spain team in an exciting gold medal game. Hopefully being a part of the winning US national team

will carry over to this season and Bosh can help lead his raps to regain the Atlantic division championship that was rightfully won by the 07/08 high powered NBA champion Boston Celtics. This won't be an easy task as it looks as though the Celtics are going to be just as strong this season.

Complimenting Chris Bosh at the 5 spot is recently acquired Jermaine O'Neal. O'Neal whose presence has already been felt during the preseason looks to give the Raptors a boost in the post, both on offense and defense. The Raptors, who ranked 28th in the league in rebounding will surely see improvements with the addition of this tough veteran big man. "Adding six-time all-star Jermaine O'Neal to this team puts us at another level with regard to talent, experience and competitiveness in

the Eastern Conference," said Raptors President and General Manager Bryan Colangelo. "In speaking to Jermaine you get an overwhelming sense that he is focused, determined and willing to do whatever it takes to help this team win basketball games." This is a good sign for the Raptors who will take every win they can get in what looks to be a difficult and revitalized Atlantic Division.

It was early July when Bryan Colangelo made the long awaited decision to resign Jose Calderon. Calderon who will be starting the season for the first time as an NBA starter is excited to help the Raptors win and is confident that he will be able to lead the team to the playoffs. Colangelo has also expressed a tremendous amount of confidence in Calderon and says, "We

couldn't be happier for Jose to be in a position to sign a long-term contract and lead this team as its starting point guard." Colangelo has been impressed by Jose's performance thus far and adds, "Every step along the way of his young NBA career, Jose has elevated his performance and made others on the floor better. Jose is a tremendous asset for this organization." Although the loss of a sporadic and at times selfish TJ Ford may be difficult for some Raptors fans to swallow, the Raptors are confident with Jose Calderon's ability and attitude.

With the recent off-season transactions and additions, the Raptors have the potential to put up one of the best seasons in franchise history. With a gutsy Coach in Sam Mitchell, the pieces seem to be falling into place for this Raptors squad.

Recession Affecting Sports In America

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It is no secret that the state of the American economy is dismal at best. In the midst of one of the country's most devastating recessions, many CEO's and shareholders have watched their American corporations erode in front of their eyes. Filing for bankruptcy has become commonplace on Wall Street as a result of the economic state. This leaves many organizations and leagues in the sports industry searching for new methods of funding due to the lack of sponsorship. One of the sports that have been hit the hardest by this economic lull is golf. Both the PGA and the LPGA are struggling to find funding due to the loss of so many key sponsors. The LPGA alone has lost 5 of their top sponsors as a result of bankruptcy. This leaves a league, who struggled in the past to attract an audience, practically crippled. And the PGA, whose tournaments are sponsored predominantly by banks and investments groups are also in an up-hill battle. However, if you are a Canadian golf fan your likely not very sympathetic towards the American economy at this point. The RCGA (Royal Canadian Golf Association) has begun negotiations with the PGA to move more tournaments to Canada, where sponsorship dollars are more abundant and bankruptcy is an afterthought. Look to see anywhere from three to five tournaments in Canada in the near future. This means higher quality golf in Canada and more of it. But golf isn't the only sport taking a hit in the US. Just ask the NBA referees who were left jobless after commissioner David Stern made the decision to lay off 9% of all American officials. "We made a decision some months ago that the economy was going to be a bit wobbly, so we began a belt-tightening that will result in a workforce reduction of about 9 percent domestically," said David Stern on the issue. This leaves around 80 refer-

ees searching for new work, and labels the NBA as the first American sports league to turn to layoffs as a result of the fading economy.

The NBA isn't the only league that is struggling as a result of the economy; in fact some have suggested that they are merely the first to admit that it is a problem. According to Doug McLean, the former GM and President of the Columbus Blue Jackets, there are many teams around the league including Columbus who are losing revenue and sponsors due to the recession. McLean stated in a radio interview that "Some club suites and private boxes in many arenas around the league are sitting empty because the companies who previously owned these boxes are now bankrupt." McLean seemed persistent that this is not an isolated incident, and in fact, it is more common than the average fan would think.

As always, disaster breeds opportunity. And for billionaire business owners in Europe, this is their window of opportunity to attract world class talent to Europe with a paycheck. Panayiotis Angelopoulos, the billionaire owner of the Athens Olympiacos has already capitalized on his opportunity as he was able to land former Atlanta Hawks forward Josh Childress. And if Josh Childress, who is not a superstar by any means, can make \$20 million over three years, who's to say more players won't opt for the big paycheck while they have the chance. Some recent reports have included names like Kobe Bryant and LeBron James interested in playing overseas for upwards of \$50 million a season. Even Chris Bosh was slightly intrigued by this offer and told The Toronto Star, "It does sound lucrative, but you have to make the best business decision for yourself. And that includes being happy. ... I still want to prove myself here. I'm comfortable playing at home right now." Even though classy players like Chris Bosh and other players around the league decide to stay in North America, there are many

players that will be quite content to live in Europe for twice the money. It would be naive for anyone to think otherwise. Not to mention, other leagues are likely in the same predicament. The NHL has already seen the likes of Jaromir Jagr and Chris Simon

travel to Russia for more money. It is only a matter of time before The Russian League, which many laughed and gawked at upon conception, will lure many of the players overseas for a raise in pay and perhaps rival the NHL. There is no question

that the state of the US economy has had a major negative impact on sports in North America. It will be interesting to see how the leagues will adjust in order to preserve the quality and integrity of sports in North America.

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Men's Intramural Basketball off to exciting start

Kellen Morin
Intramural Men's Basketball
Convenor

The 2008 Men's Intramural Basketball League is underway. The Ben Avery and Alphonse Raymond gymnasiums were home to this exciting competition. The league consists of 10 teams who do not lack competitiveness. The early leaders this year are The Brown Cows, The Nuggets, and Team Stewart with a

perfect 4-0 record. There are still plenty of games left and plenty of opportunities for other teams to claim the top spot. The officials have helped build a safe, fair and competitive atmosphere for the players. As well, many fans have already begun to show interest in the league by cheering and supporting their favourite team. We encourage students to come support the teams every Tuesday and Thursday evening, from 9pm to midnight. Hope to see you there!

Ultimate Frisbee Intramural = Ultimate Fun

Mark Ramalho
Ultimate Frisbee Convenor

This years Ultimate Frisbee Intramural Tournament was a great success! The team from J2nd took home the Championship, beating the 'T-Birds' from Thornloe winning 8-3 in the finals. In the Third Place game, the 'Chattanooga Flowermasters' topped the 'Stephan Imbeau' team 6-3, giving them the bronze medal. 'Huntington' finished 5th in the tournament rounding out the top 5.

The MVP of the tournament was Meaghan teBogt from Thornloe who finished the tournament with 11 scores. All the participants enjoyed themselves, and some had more fun

counting the amount of times the players would dive or fall. Lars Nilsson from 'Stephan Imbeau' team won the 'Most Dives/Falls' award, given to the player who dove the most throughout the tournament. The Most Sportsmanlike award went to Shannon O'Reilly, while Cameron Finlayson from J2nd took home the 'Hustle' award. Travis Green from the 'Chattanooga Flowermasters' won both the 'Long Distance Throw' and the 'Most Accurate Throw' in the skills competition.

We would like to thank our sponsors Ardens, Little Montreal and Old Rock for donating prizes. We would also like to thank the players for coming out and we hope to see them again next year!

SPAD Flag Football

Hello Everyone! In order to raise money for our fourth year field trip, SPAD is organizing its 2nd Annual Flag Football Tournament for all Laurentian students. The tournament will be held Friday, November 7th, from 1 - 5 p.m. and Saturday, November 8th, from 9 - 5 p.m.

We are will be accepting registrations for 16 teams with 8-12 people per team. Each team must have a minimum two females on their roster and there must be two females on the field at all times. The cost to register is \$10 per person and this fee must be paid at the time of registration.

You can pick up a registration form at the SPAD Office (F-330A), or at UC 409 or 909. Raffle tickets will also be available in the next few days for a chance to win some great prizes.

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Hope to see you all out there.

Fun in the Sun with L.U. Intramurals!

Nick Lebrun and Megan teBogt
Intramural Beach Volleyball
Convenors

If you did not come out to Laurentian University's COED Intramural Beach Volleyball on Friday September 19, or Friday September 26, 2008, you missed out! There was sand, sun and lots of prizes. Both tournaments were filled with fun, excitement and beautiful weather!

The non-competitive day was a huge success. Each team showed great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. The top four teams after the round robin were "Ché pas", "the Bulldogs", "UC 6th floor", and "Rabid Mangeese". Congratulations to the winning team, "Rabid Mangeese".

The competitive day was filled with sweet sets and super spikes. Team "More Power than Batman, Superman and the Incredible Hulk put together" and the "Volleyball Ballers" played in the finals for first while "Huntington" and "Lucien

Matté" played for third. Congratulations to "Team More Power than Batman, Superman, and the Incredible Hulk put together"; their team work and skill lead them to win first place.

There was also a skills competition, which included "keep up", and a spiking event. Winners were awarded with a prize from one of the generous sponsors. By participating in the skills competition, each competitor received a ticket for a raffle. An I-pod dock and gaming chair were given away to the two winners of the raffle. As well, the most sports man like, most valuable, most enthusiastic, and the most improved players were recognized and given prizes.

Intramural events at Laurentian University would not be possible without the participants. It is these dedicated individuals who make intramurals as fantastic as they are. The Beach Volleyball convenors would also like to thank the Sudbury Wolves, Chapters, Staples, Bulk Barn, A & W, The Body Shop, XS Cargo, the Laurentian Book Store and Bell for their generous donations and support. Hope to see you all out playing next year!

4 on 4 Volleyball Grafitti Night



PRESENT VOYAGEURS BASKETBALL TEAM OUTRUNS ALUMNI 90-68

The Laurentian Voyageurs cagers of present beat the Laurentian Voyageurs cagers of past 90-68 Saturday night in the annual alumni game on Hall of Fame weekend at the Ben Avery Gym. Stephen Williams led the way for the 2008-09 Voyageurs with 17 points while current Cambrian Golden Shield men's head coach Brad Hann scored 15 for the alumni.

The game started with the teams going back and forth while the alumni tried to shake off the rust, it took until the 5 minute mark for them to record a field goal. The current Voyageurs made them pay jumping out to 22-8 lead after one quarter.

In the second half Jimmy Jefferson came out shooting like the good old days and led the Voyageurs of past on a 15-7 run when he knocked down two consecutive shots from behind the arc, giving the alumni hope. Co-captain and fourth year star Paul Kovacs (Barrie, Ont.) of this year's Voyageurs edition ended the run with a trey of his own. Hann decided to not let the kids run away following up with a long ball, giving him three of his team leading 15 points. The alumni led by former coach Peter Campbell whittled the Voyageur lead down to three as the score at the break was: kids 38, senior members 35.

That would be as close as the alumni would come, as they proved why many of them have traded in their sneakers for clip boards. The young guns used an early 10-3 run at the start of the third frame to capture all the momentum and outscored their elder statesmen 32-14 in the quarter giving them a 70-49 lead.

To start the fourth quarter Williams (Brampton, Ont.) showed no rookie hesitation as he knocked down his last of four three pointers on the night. The present Voyageurs continued to impress as they held steady and steered the ship home to a final score of 90-68, avenging last years blowout loss.

"It's always awesome to put on the Laurentian jersey and come out and battle the present Voyageurs. It was a lot of fun, I'm a little out of gas now, and in the second half the current Voyageurs really took it to us," said Hann. "The good time starts now and we get to hang out with the current Voyageurs and get to know them a little bit."

The 2008-09 Voyageurs will be back in preseason action next week when they travel to Waterloo to face the Concordia Stingers on Friday, October 24th and the Bishop's Gaitsers on Saturday October 25th in the Hawk Challenge hosted by the Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks.

LADY VEES WIN 2-0 DEFEATING RAVENS TO CLINCH HOME PLAYOFF GAME

The Lady Vees women's soccer team defeated the Carleton Ravens 2-0 Saturday afternoon, clinching a home playoff game which will be held Wednesday October 22nd. Veterans Krista Pantin and Erica Duczeminski tallied for the Lady Vees while Meghan Hoffberg netted another shutout.

The first half started off very quickly for the Lady Vees as Laurentian's Leanne Adams (Mississauga, Ont.) chased the ball down the sideline and crossed it to Jenna Roach (Sudbury, Ont.) as she headed the ball over the Ravens goal keeper allowing Pantin (Mississauga) to tap it in for a 1-0 lead. After Laurentian's goal, the Ravens controlled the play in Laurentian's end. This was shortly lived as the Vees did have a short spurt where they controlled the play, but Carleton would take over, mounting several attacks, all of which were turned away by the Laurentian defenders. However, the Laurentian women were able to mount

more offense before the half, when a nicely taken corner kick in the Ravens end was crossed to Duczeminski (Sudbury) who headed it past the keeper finding the back of the net making the score 2-0 going into the break.

After halftime, the game remained relatively balanced with both teams experiencing their fair share controlling the ball. Although there were many chances for the teams to tally, the second half remained scoreless, leading the Lady Vees to their 2-0 victory, and clinching a home playoff game.





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